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Supervisory Examiners herein on January 25, 2006, please amend the claims to read as follows:

Claims 1-5 (cancelled).

Claims 6-9 (cancelled).

10. (new) A method for selling manually portable audio devices housing a hard disk drive having at least 10 gigabytes of storage capacity for storing MP3 compressed data driving output devices comprising:

providing a database having a plurality of music titles, each title respectively represented by stored MP3 compressed digital data;

as an incentive to purchase said audio devices, offering a purchasers of said manually portable audio device the opportunity to load at least 10 gigabytes of MP3 compressed data into the hard drive of a purchased manually audio device to thereby create a portable library of music titles within said portable audio device;

enabling a purchaser of said manually portable audio device to select a set of said music titles; and

in response to said selection of said set of music titles, enabling said purchaser to copy from said database, the MP3 compressed digital data representative of the set of purchaser selected music titles into said hard drive of said purchased audio device to thereby provide said purchaser with a manually portable audio device with said library.

11. (new) The method of claim 10 wherein access to said database is provided via a communication network.

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12. (new) The method of claim 11 wherein said network is the Internet.

13. (new) The method of claim 10 further including the steps of:

enabling a carrier of said manually portable audio device to choose music titles from said portable library; and

storing said chosen titles in portable device memory during presentation of said music titles.

14. (new) The method of claim 10 further including the step of driving the audio output of said of said manually portable audio device with analog data.

15. (new) The method of claim 14 further including the step of converting said MP3 compressed digital data into said analog data.

16. (new) The method of claim 13 further including the steps of:

converting the MP3 compressed digital data representative of said chosen titles stored in said memory into said analog data; and

driving the audio output of said of said manually portable audio device with analog data to thereby present said chosen titles.